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1. On 29 October 1950, 22 single-seater, jet fighters with swept-back wings, three single-engine, low-wing monoplanes, and five biplanes were seen at the Dessau (N 52/E 06) airfield. (1) There was little flying by jet planes.

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2. On 2 November, about 20 jet fighters were at the field. Maintenance work was being done on some of the planes.

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(2) A small red device projecting from the air intake was seen on eight jet planes. A biplane and three conventional fighters were at the take-off point.

3. There was no flying on 2 November. The weather was hazy. A radio mast, about 15 meters high and braced with insulated guy-wires, and a radio truck were in the northeastern corner of the field. (3) Two more radio trucks with whip antennae were at the flight control station. (4)

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(5) The area west of the field was searched for a radio set, but no indications of the presence of radio sets were observed.

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5. On 4 November, a biplane and about 30 jet fighters with swept-back wings covered with tarpaulins were seen on the eastern edge of the field. There was no flying on 4 and 5 November. The visibility was very bad. No motor vehicles were seen.

6. A radio station was in the northeastern corner of the field, about 200 meters from Kuehnau Strasse. (3) It consisted of a radio truck next to an individual radio mast. The mast was from 12 to 15 meters high, braced on all sides, and

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had a red flag about 30x40 cm on the top. An open truck with a mounted searchlight was about 50 meters from the radio truck. There were no hangars at the field. A building on the eastern edge was apparently reconditioned as a workshop. No boundary lights or AA gun emplacements were seen. (6) There were obstacle lights on smokestacks and in the immediate vicinity of the field.

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Comments.

- (1) The jet planes are Mig-15s. About 50 aircraft of this type were allegedly stationed at the field on 23 October 1950 when the field was last observed. [redacted] The exact number of Mig-15s is not known but is estimated at a minimum of 30. The field is occupied by one fighter regiment. The single-engine, low-wing monoplanes are possibly Yak-11s or ULA-7s. The biplanes are PQ-2s.

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(2)

- (3) The presence of the mobile radio station was previously reported by the same source and is confirmed by another source in paragraph 6.
 (4) The radio trucks possibly control the fighters while in flight.
 (5) This unconfirmed information is doubted. The fuel dump of the field is southwest of the landing field.
 (6) Other sources have not seen AA gun emplacements.

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